

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title	: Method for Providing Software to Be Used by a Control Unit of a Vehicle		

AFTER-FINAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 29, 2010, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3-9 and 12-20 remain pending and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of England et al. (US 6,330,670, hereinafter "England"), Ishii (US 5,768,389) and Wong et al. (US 5,957,985, hereinafter "Wong"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection of claim 1 for obviousness should be withdrawn because the combination of England, Ishii and Wong does not disclose or suggest all of the elements of claim 1, and the rejection appears to be based upon a general assumption that because public and private keys and certificates are known that the actual language of claim 1 and the particular public and private keys recited in the claim are irrelevant to the conclusion of obviousness. The discussion below will first address why Ishii does not disclose or suggest generating a